

Costly Fire Sleeps Famed Pier At Atlantic City

Damages Placed At \$200,000

Special Equipment Aids In Control

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — (AP) — A \$200,000 fire ripped through 300 feet of the famed Million Dollar Pier early today.

The well-known landmark, which sits 1,200 feet into the ocean on the downtown section of the boardwalk, caught fire about 4:30 A. M. A northeast wind blew roaring flames down the beach away from boardwalk hotels.

The pier's huge ballroom, near the 13th end, was gutted completely. The fire raged for 1 1/2 hours before being brought under control. The damage estimate at \$200,000.

Court Order Delays Ban On Give-Aways

CHICAGO — (AP) — Radio give-away programs got at least a temporary new lease on life today.

Federal Judge Michael L. Taft today issued an order preventing interference with such programs until the issue is settled in the Federal Court here.

The Federal Communications Commission had banned such programs effective Oct. 1. Subsequently, the Columbia Broadcasting System, the National Broadcasting Co. and American Broadcasting Co. filed suit in the Federal Court here.

Judge Taft's ruling puts the issue in the lap of the New York Court. Until the point is settled there, the mushrooming give-away programs can go their lawful way.

The injunction was obtained by the Federal Trade Commission, a Chicago firm that produces syndicated radio programs. It argued that the order would cause it "irreparable damage."

FCC attorneys argued against the injunction, contending it was improper for the courts to take action before the ban became effective. They argued that any action by the courts at this time would be directly against the "thinking" of the FCC, and was therefore improper.

But Judge Taft held that a hearing by the courts was the only way to know of the cases of nationwide import can be made.

Radio Features Inc. sells its programs to radio stations in 30 states and Canada. It said the order had caused a number of stations to cancel their contracts.

The FCC order listed give-away programs as lotteries and made such broadcasts a part of the criminal statutes. The three radio chains have contested the legality of the order.

Yesterday an FCC attorney told Judge Taft that he had considered postponement of its order pending determination of its constitutionality, but that the FCC is in no position to stay its order.

World Fund Urges Cash Devaluation

Report Made At Opening Session

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The International Monetary Fund today advised dollar-holding countries to devalue their currencies, if need be, to boost their dollar-earning exports.

Without singling out the British pound but with Britain's dollar crisis obviously in mind, the report was laid before the opening session of the fourth annual meeting of the board of governors of the multi-billion dollar international bank.

Shortly thereafter, the financial directors of 36 member nations were to hear an off-the-cuff address by President Truman.

It may be better for a country to change an "unstable" exchange rate than to clamp on restrictions on exports to conserve dollars and efficiency," said the report of the bank's executive directors.

"DEFICIT NATIONS"

Although the document referred to "deficit nations" in the strict sense, it was not a list of nations. It was "to spotlight the British problem — and to add pressure to numerous other nations to consider devaluation."

The report was the greater because a cabinet level British-U. S. Canadian conference ended yesterday with agreement on a £100 million loan to Britain for the purpose of the pound as one of the points.

The pound's value now is \$4.03, its devaluation in foreign trade would amount to lowering the price of British goods.

Many American officials have forecast that Britain must devalue, but that Britain must first reduce its foreign trade, so far as has been done, but which, at least, the finance and foreign ministers of the United States did not raise the issue in the week-long talks.

All three witnesses said their firms are not using synthetic shorting.

Senate Group Will Probe Food Prices

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Young said he is a wheat farmer in Iowa and does not understand why "bread prices do not drop when the price of wheat falls."

Ollcott said there is an "unconscionable spread" between the price the farmer gets and what the consumer pays for bread.

He noted he had recently paid 30 cents a dozen for eggs while the market price is only 25 cents a dozen.

The subcommittee, currently investigating the price of bread, will also investigate the price of other food products.

Polish Ship Line Stands Accused

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The chairman of a Senate subcommittee investigating Communist spies accused the Polish ship line today of "activities contrary to the interest of the United States."

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NEW AND RETIRING ADVERTISING MANAGERS



Alander To Succeed Williams As News Advertising Manager

The retirement of I. W. Williams as advertising manager of the Charlotte News and the appointment of Robert J. Alander as Mr. Williams' successor, were announced today by Publisher Thomas L. Robinson.

Mr. Alander has already moved to the Charlotte News as its advertising manager.

His appointment will become effective Monday, Sept. 19.

Mr. Williams' departure from the Charlotte News marks the end of nearly 20 years' service as this newspaper's advertising manager.

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Hiram Walker Still Explodes

FERGUS, Ill. — (AP) — An explosion in a six-story still at the Hiram Walker & Sons Inc. distillery plant today shocked nearby homes and caused damage estimated at \$500,000.

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Only Minorities Have Rights, Judge Asserts

GREENWOOD, S. C. — (AP) — "It is an beginning to think that nobody has any rights in the United States any longer unless he belongs to a minority group," Chief Justice J. Henry Johnson said in an address to the Greenwood County Grand Jury today.

He said that the only rights in the United States are those of the minority groups.

Once Over Lightly

It would take a super-salmon to interest a young bride in a washing machine... The difference between a meeting and a conference is the jokes.

Steel Accord Booms Market

NEW YORK — (AP) — The Stock Market advanced briskly today in reaction to the steel industry agreement.

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Another Roosevelt Marriage On Rocks

Faye Emerson To Divorce Husband

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